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1. BELOW IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIRMAN HASHIMOTO TRANSMITTING
JAPANESE VIEWS ON SEQUENCE AND VENUE OF MEETINGS ON
TOXIC CHEMICALS. LETTER WAS ADDRESSED TO HILLIARD
RODERICK, DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE, WITH
COPIES TO ALL ENVCOM BUREAU MEMBERS AND TO JAPANESE
DELEGATION TO OECD. RODERICK HAS TOLD US THIS MATTER
SHOULD BE TAKEN UP DIRECTLY BETWEEN THE U.S. AND
JAPAN AND THEREFORE HE WILL NOT REPLY TO HASHIMOTO
UNTIL DEPARTMENT AND EPA HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO REFLECT
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ON ISSUE, AND DISCUSS WITH JAPANESE.

2. TEXT OF LETTER: QUOTE:

I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS MY GRAVE CONCERNS ON THE
HANDLING OF THE OECD CHEMICALS TESTING PROGRAM AS
A BUREAU MEMBER OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AS WELL
AS A JAPANESE DELEGATE TO IT. AS I INDICATED AT THE

LAST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE, MY GOVERNMENT ATTACHES A GREAT IMPORTANCE WITH POSITIVE INTEREST TO THE OECD CHEMICALS PROGRAM. THIS DOES NOT MEAN, HOWEVER, THAT THE OECD CHEMICALS GROUP SHOULD IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM HASTILY WITHOUT DUE CONSIDERATION ON THE DIRECTIONS GIVEN BY THE CONCLUSION OF THE LAST ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING. AT THE COMMITTEE MEETING I STRESSED THE NEED FOR SETTING PRIORITY AMONG SIX EXPERTS GROUPS WITH THOROUGH CONSIDERATION OF THE ROLE OF OECD AMONG INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS, IN VIEW OF LIMITED RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN OECD ITSELF AND ALSO IN MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. YOU MAY RECALL THAT MY SUGGESTION GAINED A CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. THEREFORE, IT IS MOST ESSENTIAL AND URGENT FOR THE CHEMICALS GROUP TO EXAMINE PRIORITY AND ORIENTATION OF SIX EXPERT GROUPS IN LINE WITH THE DIRECTION GIVEN BY ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AND TO SET WORK SCHEDULES AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

AT THE COMMITTEE MEETING WE HEARD THAT SWEDEN MAY CONVENE A CHEMICALS CONFERENCE AT STOCKHOLM IN EARLY APRIL. THIS CONFERENCE IS SUPPOSED TO BE HOSTED BY THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT WITH A SUPPORTING FUND OF THE EPA OF THE USA. I UNDERSTAND THAT OECD HAS NO DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN THIS STOCKHOLM MEETING, BUT IT IS EXPECTED TO INVITE INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS RELATED

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TO CHEMICALS CONTROL, NEEDLESS TO SAY, INCLUDING OECD WHICH IS THE MOST SUBSTANTIVE AND POTENTIAL INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION IN THIS FIELD AT PRESENT. SO FAR AS THE CLIMATE OF DISCUSSION AT THE LAST ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING GOES, A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY EC COUNTRIES EXPRESSED RELUCTANCE TO CONVENE A MEETING IN STOCKHOLM IN EARLY APRIL.

MEANWHILE, DR. FUJII, JAPANESE CO-CHAIRMAN OF ONE OF SIX EXPERT GROUPS, RECEIVED AN INVITATION FROM DR. JELLINEK, OFFICE OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES, U.S. EPA, TO PARTICIPATE IN CO-ORDINATING GROUP AS WELL AS HIS OWN GROUP MEETING IN WASHINGTON NEXT FEBRUARY.

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AT THE SAME TIME, I WAS INFORMED THAT THE CO-
ORDINATING GROUP MEETING IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN
APRIL, JUST BEFORE THE NEXT CHEMICALS GROUP MEETING.
I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS HERE THAT THE FIRST STEP TO-
WARDS INTERNATIONAL HARMONY IN HANDLING CHEMICALS
ISSUES WITHIN OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES WILL BE THE WELL
CO-ORDINATED ARRANGEMENT OF TIME-SEQUENCES OF THOSE
MEETINGS WITH DUE CONSIDERATION ON CONTROVERSY AND
DIRECTIONS OF THE LAST ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING.
FRANKLY, I CAN NOT HELP TO EXPRESS MY DOUBT ON
WASHINGTON MEETING IN FEBRUARY.

I UNDERSTAND THE URGENT NEED TO COME UP WITH THE
WORK PROGRAM FOR CHEMICALS PROGRAM, BUT WE ARE IN
AN UNUSUAL SITUATION AT PRESENT. TO BREAKTHROUGH
THIS COMPLEX AND DIFFICULT SITUATION, I WOULD LIKE
TO SUGGEST TO CONVENE CHEMICALS GROUP MEETING, AS
OFFICIAL STATUS OF OECD MEETING AT FIRST, AND, IF
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NECESSARY, TO CHANGE THE SETTLED SCHEDULE OF APRIL
TO EARLIER, FOR EXAMPLE MARCH, AND WORK OUT SCHEDULE
AND WORK PROGRAM IN LINE WITH THE DIRECTION OF THE
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WITH FULL PARTICIPATION OF
INTERESTED MEMBER COUNTRIES. CO-ORDINATING GROUP

MEETING AND OTHER EXPERT GROUP MEETINGS SHOULD BE HELD AFTER THIS CHEMICALS GROUP MEETING. I SUPPOSE THAT THIS CHEMICALS GROUP MEETING CAN BE CONVENED AS AN AD HOC MEETING IN NATURE, IF NECESSARY. I AND MY COLLEAGUES HERE IN TOKYO ARE OF THE OPINION THAT THIS AD HOC, OFFICIAL OECD MEETING SHOULD BE HELD IN PARIS FIRST, ACCORDINGLY THE WASHINGTON MEETING SHOULD BE HELD AFTER THIS MEETING, IF NECESSARY. I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS AGAIN THE IMPORTANCE OF THE STATUS, PLACE AND TIME SEQUENCE OF MEETINGS AND TO TAKE THE INITIAL STEPS WITH AS REASONABLE AND AGREEABLE AS POSSIBLE HARMONY AT PRESENT FOR THIS IMPORTANT AND URGENT CHEMICALS PROGRAM.

I WISH YOU TO PAY DUE CONSIDERATION TO THE ABOVE, AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO HEAR FROM YOU SOON. END QUOTE
KATZ

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